

Sinclair Broadcasting is engaging in behavior which is a clear betrayal of its public trust. Its decision to force its stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the abuses inherent in media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. It is not in the public's interest for a large corporation with an agenda to force a piece of propaganda on the public with no opportunity for rebuttal. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the company and less of what we need to be informed citizens. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.